REQUEST FOR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) Attorney Docket: 056205.49961C1



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Serial No. 09/789,750

Filed on February 22, 2001 Of Mitsushige SUZUKI et al.

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation or application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending prior application:

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<u>X</u> _	1a	Accompanying this order is a new specification and drawings, that does not contain any subject matter that would have been new matter in the prior application. Total pages of specification, claims and abstract: 22 Total pages of drawings:8							
	1b.	Accompanying this order is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed. Total pages of specification, claims and abstract: Total pages of drawings:							
	2.	New Formal drawings are being filed herewith consisting of _sheet(s), depicting Figures							
<u>X</u>	3.	and Power of Attorney:							
		a.		Newly executed (original or copy)					
		b.	<u>X</u>	Copy from prior application					
			i.	Deletion of Inventors - signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application					



4. Incorporation by Reference:

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

- 5. Cancel original claims
- _ 6. Small entity status:
 - a. _ A small entity statement is enclosed
 - b. __A statement of small entity status (copy attached) was filed on ___ in the prior application and status as a small entity is still proper and desired.
 - c. _ Is no longer claimed
- X 7. The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED, INCLUDING ANY CLAIMS CANCELLED OR ADDED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee				\$375	<u>\$750</u>
Total Claims	<u>15</u> -	20 =	x	9 = \$	18 = \$
Ind. Claims		3 =	x	42 = \$	84 = \$
	_Multiple Depend	dent Claims	+	140 = \$	280 = \$
			Total	\$	\$750.00

- ____ 8. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #___) in the amount of \$___.
- X 9. A check in the amount of \$750.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- X 10. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056205.49661C1).
- X 11. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/789,750, filed February 22, 2001.--

- <u>X</u> 12. Priority of Appln. No. 2000-141200, filed in Japan on May 15, 2002, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- X 13. A certified copy of each said priority document was filed in application Serial No. 09/789,750 on June 22, 2001.
- X 14. The prior application is assigned of record to Hitachi, Ltd. and Hitachi Car Engineering Co., Ltd.
- X 15. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

Herbert I. Cantor, Reg. No. 24,392; James F. McKeown, Reg. No. 25,406; Donald D. Evenson, Reg. No. 26,160; Joseph D. Evans, Reg. No. 26,269; Gary R. Edwards, Reg. No. 31,824; and Jeffrey D. Sanok, Reg. No. 32,169.

- <u>X</u> a. The power appears in the original application papers in the prior application.
- ___ b. Since the power does not appear in the original application papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- _ c. Attached is a duplicate of a Supplemental Declaration which was filed in the prior application to overcome informalities.
- X d. Address all future correspondence to:

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- X 16. Forms PTO-892 and PTO-1449 listing prior art made of record in the prior application are attached. A copy of each of the listed references should be available in the prior application file.
 - _ 17. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.
- X 18. Return Receipt Postcard.

X 19. Other: Information Disclosure Statement, including German Search Report and PTO-1449 w/4 references.

Respectfully submitted,

August 22, 2003

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